

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #21

Ivy Life



The first two weeks of this term have presented us with some challenges, however, in true Ivy Lane style everyone has pulled together and adapted to these changes. I cannot emphasise enough how grateful we are as a school for the support and understanding from both parents and staff whilst we manage a unique situation, as well as all the donations that have been made through the Crowdfunding page set up by one of our children. Our kitchen staff have worked



firelessly to provide school packed lunches with limited space – so a huge thank you to them all. The hot dog option was a great success today so we will continue to provide a hot alternative to sandwiches as regularly as we can. Once the insurance surveyors have carried out a detailed assessment of the building we will then have more of an indication of the time frame going forward.

It was lovely to see so many parents in school on Thursday afternoon to see the Year 1 Donaldson Class Assembly. Thank you for coming in to support your child and for providing some fabulous cakes for the FOILS cake sale. Many thanks also to the FOILS team for providing the refreshments after the assembly.

We are extremely happy to announce that Mrs Fahey (Y4 Hughes teacher/Reading Recovery teacher) will be our Acting Assistant Head when Mrs Schonfeld goes on maternity leave at the end of this term. Mrs Fahey will be teaching Hughes Class on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday and we will be welcoming back Mrs Smith (formally Y1 Donaldson teacher) who will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning in Hughes Class.

We would like to welcome back Thomas (Pullman) who started back at ILS after Easter. Also a very warm welcome to Miss Murray, our new teacher in Year 2 Milligan, who has settled in extremely well since the start of this term.

KS2 Tuck Shop will start again from Tuesday 7th May – apologies for this not being available for the past few weeks. After school clubs will be starting with effect from next week. Slips have been sent home with the children today so please make sure you check your child's book bags after school.

Parent Forum



Get Involved—Make a Difference

The next Parent Forum is being held on Tuesday 7th May at 8.45am in the Old Hall. The aim is for parents to give opinions and ask questions about aspects of whole school life and an opportunity for the school to share information and ideas with parents in more detail. In the past changes have been made following these meetings, for example, to school meals, clubs and reports. We hope some of you will be able to attend.

End of Day Collection Arrangements

Could we please give parents a gentle reminder that if pick-up arrangements for the end of the day are changing, then please contact the school office before 2.30pm if possible. This is particularly important if your child is going home with another child - If either the school office or the teacher has not been informed we cannot allow this to happen due to safeguarding reasons.

Can we also remind parents that **no dogs** are allowed on the school grounds either in the morning or at the end of the day – this includes small dogs or puppies being carried.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Packed lunches/School Dinner Arrears

Please remember that we are a nut free school – some children have had nuts in their lunchboxes this week. Could we also request that grapes (especially for KS1 children) are cut in half – thank you.

As we are not currently providing hot school dinners to KS2 children, can you please ensure that you are still paying any outstanding dinner arrears. We will be sending out a letter in due course to parents regarding a new pre-paying/booking system for school dinners which we hope to start in September 2019, therefore, we are requesting that all outstanding debts be cleared by Friday 28th June. You will continue to receive weekly text/emails informing you of amounts still owing.

Trips

The following trips will be taking place this month:

Friday 24th May: YR going to Weston-Super-Mare

Friday 24th May: Y5 attending Chippenham Folk Festival

If you have not already done so, could you please log onto your SchoolMoney account to pay the voluntary contribution for these trips and give permission for your child to take part. Unfortunately these trips will be at risk of being cancelled if we do not receive sufficient parental contributions. Thank you to the parents who have already paid and given permission.



Y1 Hargreaves and YR Carle Class Assemblies and FOILS Cake Sales -

The next class assemblies and FOILS cake sales will take place as follows:

Thursday 9th May – Year 1 Hargreaves Class

Thursday 16th May – YR Carle Class

These assemblies will be held in our Old hall. Please could children bring in their yummy cake donations on the morning of the class assembly, which will be sold by FOILS, together with drinks, that afternoon. Can we please remind parents to avoid anything containing nuts and fresh cream and could you also be aware there is no parking available on site for class assemblies.

Year 4 Outdoor Learning day



As part of our 'Food Glorious Food' theme and also our commitment to outdoor learning, Year 4 set themselves an ambitious challenge this week. They set out to prepare and cook their own two course lunch entirely in the outdoors – they even shopped for the ingredients themselves in advance!

By midday, the children in Hughes and Morpurgo classes had managed to produce two huge pots of homemade soup (a choice of tomato soup or carrot soup), flat breads for everyone and a fruit skewer for pudding – complete with a chocolate dipping sauce! Everyone was hungry and enjoyed eating the food they had worked so hard to prepare.

During the afternoon all the children sowed lettuce seeds and also investigated the different trees that can be found around our school field. Well done Year 4! Your team work was excellent and you all learnt some new and useful skills.

New Reader Leader Squad

At the end of term 4 we thanked our out-going Year 6 Reader Leaders for their commitment to providing reading for pleasure opportunities for Key Stage 1 pupils outside at lunch time and also for their dedication to helping to keep the library in order.

We have now recruited and trained a new Reader Leader Squad who are every bit as committed to fulfilling this important role and have begun their duties this week with great enthusiasm.

Thank you very much to the following Year 5 pupils who have volunteered their time and energy to help others at Ivy Lane – we are very proud of you!

Aditi, Mia, Rebecca, Claire, Emma, Ashleigh, Jasmin, Maya, Hollie, Lilian, Keeleigh, Chelsea, Isaac, Lara, Alannah, Chloe, Isla, Emilie, Sophie, Sophie, William, Sienna, Daniel and Sophie.

Visiting Author – Joffre White

Year 3 and 4 are looking forward to welcoming author Joffre White to Ivy Lane next Thursday, 9th May. A member of the National Association of Writers in Education, and a UK Patron of Reading, Joffre White actively promotes the importance of reading and creative writing by visiting primary and secondary schools, libraries and literary events in the U.K. delivering his acclaimed, interactive, motivational and inspiring sessions designed to excite and energise children's imagination and interest in the power of words.



He will run a Reading Motivator Workshop for both year groups and creative writing workshops for Year 4. Joffre will run Q and A sessions across Year 3 and 4 during the day so that the children can find out all about his work as an author and how he gets his ideas and shapes these into real books. At the end of the day, Joffre White will be available under the canopy beside the bike storage area. He will have a range of his books available for purchase which he will also sign (more details will be sent to parents next week). Should you already own a book by Joffre White and would like to bring it for him to sign then he will be more than happy to do this too.

YR Trip to Pizza Express



Carle Class had a very enjoyable trip to Pizza Express this week where we learnt how to make dough, made our own pizza and tried lots of tasty toppings. We were all very excited and all looked the part in our chef's outfits. To end a great morning out we took our pizzas up to Monkton Park and had a sneaky taste and a play in the park. We hope you all enjoyed a yummy pizza tea. A big thank-you to the mum's of Cassius, Billy and Ed in Carle class who were an amazing help on the day.

Y3 Anglo-Saxon Chippenham Walk

Year 3 went on an Anglo Saxon walk in Chippenham town today. We saw Anglo Saxon sights like a wall on higher ground, so that in battle Anglo Saxons could stab their enemies with their spears or throw rocks down on them. The Anglo Saxons settled by the River Avon. We would like to thank Mr Faulkner for his excellent talk.

Written by: Harry & Evan (Walliams)



Y5 Visit from MP



On Friday last week, our local MP, Michelle Donelan came to visit us in Year 5. Michelle visited us as we sent her a letter a few weeks ago about plastic pollution. We had the chance to ask her lots of questions about all sorts of things and she gave us some great answers and helped us out.

Written by Finley (Y5 Byars)

Birthday Book Donations

Thank you to all the following children and staff who have recently donated books to their classes reading corners; Billy P, Arlo K, Sam W, Grace A, Connie B, Alex L, Joseph E, Toby B, Kit W, Tom G, James H, Thomas G and Mrs Reynolds.

Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Ben H & Emmeline H (Carle) Olivia H & Bailey M (Rosen) Phoebe E (Donaldson) Dominic T & Kaitlyn G (Hargreaves) Jasmine G & Jack O (Dahl)	Dakota J & Marley L (Milligan) Isabella T-N & Kaiden C (Griffiths) Ellie K & Rio P (Walliams) Sophie C & Connor Murrow (Hughes) Evie H (Morpurgo)	Ewan M & Mia Gunton (Byars) Alannah W & John W (Pullman) Bradley H & Jack B (Rowling) Lydia B & William H (Lewis)
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And to all of Donaldson Class for a fabulous class assembly.

Celebrating Achievement

Congratulations to Evan C, Emma F, Max H, Emma K and Edward B for gaining swimming certificates, Amelia M for achieving a Pass with Merit in her grade 3 Vocals in Popular Music Performance, Lilian D receiving a badge for being brave on a high ropes and zip wire and Max H for being awarded a diamond Blue Peter badge. Well done to Emma K for raising over £150 for Bath Cats and Dogs Home by completing a 12 hour sponsored silence, Phoebe E for receiving a class award in Pre-Primary Dance, Viraaj K for being awarded a certificate from the library for reading 200 books and to Theo H achieving stage 1 & 2 in the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Lammin
Head of School



To volunteer for FOILS or pass on any suggestions for fund raising ideas/events – please e-mail our FOILS team on: foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk.